

The Carr-Hayes House
Canandaigua, New York

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Owner: Carr-Hayes

Date of Erection: 1826

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Frame

Other Existing Records: "History of Ontario County, by
Milliken.

Additional Data: See following pages.

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"Dr. Edson Carr was born in Vermont, in 1801. His early education, also, was meagre, but he largely compensated for it in later years by his indomitable energy and natural talent. He came here when nineteen years of age, supporting himself for a time by teaching school during the day and conducting a singing school at night. He entered a drug store as clerk and then studied medicine in Dr. Well's office. He was licensed to practice in 1826 by the Ontario County Medical Society.

"About 1824 or '25, when Mr. H. B. Gibson bought the Abner Barlow farm and laid out Gibson street, he sold to Dr. Carr a lot from the same on which Dr. Carr built the house, formerly occupied by Dr. J. B. Hayes and now by his son, Edward G. Hayes. Dr. Carr married a daughter of Thomas Beals, in 1827. Dr. Carr was an excellent dentist as well as physician. His natural mechanical skill aided him greatly in this branch, as well as in surgery.

"Dr. Clarke States that Dr. Carr wrote excellent papers for the Medical Society and that one who was competent to judge said of him, "He was more observant of style, more discriminating in his choice of words, than most persons who have passed through what is called a liberal education. His example shows how far good native powers may go, with the help of careful observation in the absence of academic discipline, to attain literary as well as scientific merit."

"He was a generous man, giving liberally to all good causes, and was an influential member of the Congregational church for over forty years. Being an excellent musician, he led the choir in that church for many years. The ruffled shirt and ruddy complexion of the good doctor as he led the musical services of the sanctuary abide in the recollection of many of the older members. Mrs. Carr was a very religious woman doing a great deal of benevolent work, distributing tracts and rendering useful service in many needy homes. Dr. Carr's son, Dudley, was with him during the early years of his practice, but did not long survive.

"Dr. Carr died in 1861, Mrs. Carr preceding him by a few months. He was greatly mourned by a large circle of friends and patients."

Taken from Milliken's "History of Ontario County."

by Mrs. Gordon K. Benson

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